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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Design workshop for monitoring deep water snapper-grouper species in the South Atlantic.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) and Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) will host a workshop where fishermen and scientists will discuss approaches for monitoring the deep water stocks component of the South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper complex. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

DATES: The workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2015; 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, 2015; and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, April 9, 2015.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The Workshop will be held at SEFSC Laboratory in Beaufort NC, located at 101 Piver's Island Road, Beaufort, NC 28516.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The goal of the Workshop is to identify optimal approaches and associated costs for surveying the South Atlantic deep-water species complex. Survey goals are expected to include providing abundance information and biological samples to support stock assessments of deep water species.

Workshop Agenda, Tuesday, April 7 - Thursday, April 9, 2015

1. Identify focal species
2. Provide species details
3. Recommend survey gears
4. Recommend gear configurations
5. Recommend survey data to collect
6. Recommend a sampling universe
7. Provide survey design guidance
8. Compare and contrast survey platforms, including cooperative research opportunities
9. Provide cost estimates
10. Identify long-term and short-term needs and cooperative research opportunities



## Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the SAFMC office (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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